

OVERSIGHT OF THE AMTRAK ACCIDENT IN PHILADELPHIA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Amtrak Accident in Philadelphia”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Hart, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Sarah Feinberg, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 356, the “Wounded Warrior Employment Improvement Act”; H.R. 832, the “Veterans Employment and Training Service Longitudinal Study Act of 2015”; H.R. 1994, the “VA Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 2133, the “Servicemembers' Choice in Transition Act”; H.R. 2275, the “Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 2344, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the vocational rehabilitation programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2360, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2361, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority to provide work-study allowance for certain activities by individuals receiving educational assistance by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and a draft bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain modifications and improvements in the transfer of unused educational assistance benefits under the Post 9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Flores; Cook; and Sean Patrick Maloney of New York; Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Teresa W. Gerton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Susan S. Kelly, Director, Transition to Veterans Program Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 160, the “Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2015”; H.R. 1190, the “Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015”; S. 984, the “Steve Gleason Act of 2015”; S. 971, the “Medicare Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 2580,

the “LTCH Technical Correction Act of 2015”; H.R. 2505, the “Medicare Advantage Coverage Transparency Act of 2015”; H.R. 2506, the “Seniors' Health Care Plan Protection Act of 2015”; H.R. 2507, the “Increasing Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015”; H.R. 2579, the “Securing Care for Seniors Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2581, the “Preservation of Access for Seniors in Medicare Advantage Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 160, H.R. 2580, H.R. 2505, H.R. 2506, H.R. 2507, H.R. 2579, and H.R. 2581. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1190, S. 984, and S. 971.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D613)

H.R. 1690, to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse”. Signed on May 29, 2015. (Public Law 114–20)

H.R. 2353, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund. Signed on May 29, 2015. (Public Law 114–21)

S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking. Signed on May 29, 2015. (Public Law 114–22)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine challenges and implications of EPA's proposed national ambient air quality standard for ground-level ozone, including S. 638, to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, S. 751, to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and S. 640, to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Audit & Appeal Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine implications of the Iran nuclear agreement for United States policy in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.